

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is committed to continued leadership in highway-rail grade crossing and pedestrian safety; and

WHEREAS, collisions between trains and motor vehicles or pedestrians could be prevented with appropriate safety laws and increased public awareness of the dangers at crossings and tracks; and

WHEREAS, Washington Operation Lifesaver is dedicated to preventing highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents through comprehensive public education and outreach campaigns; and

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes are more severe than highway collisions and are more likely to result in death and injury; and

WHEREAS, highway-grade crossing crashes during the year 2019 resulted in eight persons killed and another eight persons injured in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents on railroad property during the year 2019 resulted in 15 persons killed and another six persons injured in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, people in Washington are encouraged to observe added caution as motorists or pedestrians near tracks or trains; and

WHEREAS, this important observance should lead to greater safety awareness and a reduction in highway-rail grade crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad incidents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 21-27, 2020, as

Rail Safety Week

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to participate in activities to reduce crossing crashes and pedestrian/railroad trespass incidents during this week and throughout the year.

Signed this 9th day of September, 2020

Governor Jay Inslee

